Virginia's First Trees and Utilities Conference

Trees provide beauty and environmental benefits to communities. However, tree/ utility conflicts are the #1 cause of power outages in Virginia. Many communities ignore potential tree/utility conflicts in their tree planting and maintenance decisions, thus assuring future problems. Yet attractive trees and reliable utility service can coexist. This conference will present information that will help maximize tree benefits while minimizing threats to public safety and utility service.

Who Should Attend

Public Officials Municipal Employees Arborists Urban Foresters **Planners** Landscape Architects Landscape Designers Master Gardeners Tree Stewards **Extension Agents** Main Street Virginia Coordinators Urban Greenway/Trail Coordinators Tree City USA Representatives Citizens interested in more attractive communities

> Seating is limited, so register early!



Look Up Virginia c/o Virginia Department of Forestry 900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800 Charlottesville, VA 22903

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Seeking to reduce tree/utility conflict by educating, influencing and encouraging people to recognize the conflict, remove problematic tree/utility situations and plant appropriately

Wednesday, October 26, 2005 Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens Richmond, Virginia

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Program

8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Welcome

8:40 - 9:00 a.m.

Overview of MTRP (Look Up Virginia)

Paul Revell / Leighton Powell

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Understanding Utility Lines

Joe Marshall (ACRT)

- Transmission
- Distribution
- Telephone
- Cable TV
- Fiber Optic

9:50 - 10:45 a.m.

How Trees Cause Outages

- Overview of Research Steve Cieslewicz
- Northeast Blackout Steve Cieslewicz
- Hurricane Isabel (video)

Jeff Geis

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break with Exhibitors

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Utility Tree Replacement Programs

(Panel)

- Appalachian Power Lynn Grayson
- Dominion Virginia Power Mike Brucato
- Allegheny Power Ken Rutherford

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Tree Selection and Utility Arboreta

Bonnie Appleton

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Case Studies of Resolving Tree/Utility Conflicts

- Abingdon (Appalachian Power)
- W & OD Trail (Dominion VA Power)
- Case Study selected by Allegheny Energy

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Afternoon Walk in Arboretum

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Wrap Up

Directions

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens 1800 Lakeside Avenue Richmond, Virginia

For more specific directions, go to: http://www.lewisginter.org/html/map.asp or call (804) 262-9887

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For more information, call (434) 220-9024

Registration Form

Due by October 7, 2005: [One form per person, photocopy as needed]
Registration Fees
☐ General Registration\$25 ☐ After October 7 & Walk-ins:\$40
Lunch and take home materials included with registration.
Dress casually for the afternoon arboretum walk.
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